

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: MOPS, PFOR, SS, MR  
SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL PRESS COVERAGE OF MAURITANIA

REF: (A) NOUAKCHOTT 370, (B) NOUAKCHOTT 247

1. ALL SAHARA WATCHERS WILL FIND LE MONDE COVERAGE OF MAURITANIA AND SAHARA GUERRILLA WAR FEBRUARY 26(PAGE 4) AND MARCH 1 (PAGE 2) OF INTEREST AND UTILITY. RELIABILITY AND SIGNIFICANCE OF DETAILED INFORMATION CONTAINED IN FIRST HALF OF FEBRUARY 26 ARTICLE IS GREATLY ENHANCED BY IDENTIFICATION OF "WELL INFORMED SOURCE": GIRM MINISTER OF STATE FOR INTERNAL SOVEREIGNTY AHMED OULD MUHAMMAD SALAH WHO CALLED IN AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE CORRESPONDENT JEAN-CHRISTOPHE MITTERAND ON FEBRUARY 23 AND FED HIM RAILROAD AND TIDJIDJKA ATTACK STORIES (REFTELS) IN BELATED ATTEMPT TO BEGIN PROVIDING READERS OF INTERNATIONAL PRESS  
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SOME PERSPECTIVE ON EXAGGERATED POLISARIO VICTORY AND DAMAGE CLAIMS.

2. IN RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBOFFS, GIRM MILITARY EXPRESSED PARTICULAR CONCERN AND UNHAPPINESS OVER FACT THAT DURING RECENT RAID IN TIDJIDJKA AREA, POLISARIO INVADED DESERT ENCAMPMENTS, DELIBERATELY SLAUGHTERED

CAMELS AND GOATS, AND THEN TOOK 100 CIVILIAN "PRISONERS", INCLUDING WOMEN AND A DOZEN YOUNG CHILDREN.  
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